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The Author to the Reader.

GEntlemen, I am a better Souldier, then a Scholler, therefore expect no Eloquence, or refyned speach, I abhorre not the English I was borne to, neyther will I go about to pluck from the Inckhorne any solempne Periphrasis to set forth that, which rather (for the trueth thereof) desires a plaine and easie deliuerie. In the whole iourney of the right Honourable the Earle of Nottingham into Spaine, I was (amongest others) one of his vnworthy followers. And to beguile the many idle houres we had, both at Sea, and Land, sette downe still as wee trauailed euerie particular dayes iourny, with euerye Townes name and scituation; where his Honour had

repose or entertainment. Though it be roughly handled, yet the trueth shall pleade excuse, which I haue beene very carefull to followe. If it shall please, or profite, I shall thinke my paines well bestowed; if not, what resteth, but that I shall be sorie to be excluded from your courtesie.

So fare you well.

The Royall entertainement of the *Right Honourable the Earle of* Notingham, sent Ambassador from his Maiestie to the *King of Spaine.*

The 28. of March being thursday, the right honourable the Earle of Notingham, Lord high Admirall of England, went from Arundell house (he then lying there) vnto Greenowich, accompanied with the right honourable the Earle of Peart, the Lord of Effingham, the Lord Norris, the Lord Willoughbie, and all the rest of his whole company, being knights, and gentlemen, to take his leaue of his Maiestie, being going into Spaine Ambassador.

The 29. of March, his Lordship came on bord the ship Royall called the Beare (she being Admirall of the fleete.) There went in her company of other ships of the Kings, the Repulse, the Warrespite, and the George hoy of the Kings, and she went with vs to Douer. And before she came there she splitted her mainmast, by which accident she went not any further. His Lordshippe set saile from Quinborow the last day of March, being Saterday. And vpon the fourth of Aprill we arriued at Douer towne,

where we cast Anchor, and stayed till the next day being Friday: then we weighed Anchor, and shaped our course towardes Spaine. And upon the ninth or tenth day of Aprill we lost the Lizard, which is counted the farthest part of English land.

The fifteenth day of Aprill being Sunday his Lordship entred into the harbour of the Groyne, where he was welcomed with such a volley of shotte, and in such royall and princely manner, as did both purchase much honour to the Gouernour of the Towne, and did well befitte the person of so noble and woorthie an Ambassador.

The sixteenth of Aprill being the next day, his Honour went on shore with all his companie, himselfe in his Barge, with a white silke flagge in the Beake head, betokening peace: so landing at a new bridge made of purpose for his comming, he passed along into the town, and a great volley of shotte was made vpon the walles, both of Ordonance, and small shotte as he entered, all the way hee went, vntill hee came to the middle of the towne, where his Lordship was verie well enterteined at the Gouernours house. His name was Don Lucye, who was Lord also of Gallizia, and of Garrizon, where he and his followers lay seuenténe dayes at the king of Spaines charges.

But the two and twenty day of Aprill being tuesday, his Lordship did keepe Saint George his feast in the Gouernours house, in as great a state as the place and time could affoord, and at his owne charges.

And on tuesday the nine and twentieth day of Aprill, his Lordship sent backe both his Coach, and coach horses vnto Portesmouth, there to remayne vntill his returne, because they were not able to haue them along to the Court, by reason the wayes were so bad.

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The second day of May there was Turney at Barriers, holden in the Groine before his Lordship, the day before his going away, wherein were some victorious acts worthie the noting.

As for the shew towards the euening, there were made very rare fire-works in the towne, as the like hath not beene seene, by report of all which saw it.

The third day of May his Lordship toke his iourney from the Groine, hauing (as I learned by others) two hundred fortie fiue miles betweene the towne of the Groine and the Cittie of Valledeley, where the king lay, there went with him most of the king of Spaines officers to make prouision by the way as he went.

On the same day his Lordship passed from the Groine to a towne called Bittanzey, where he lay all night at a house in the middle of the towne, where he was well entertayned: this towne standeth vpon a hill, betweene two great hills, and rocky mountaines: it is a very little towne, and bad way to trauell: betwixt the Groine and it, is accounted three leagues.

The fourth day of May he went from Bittanzey ouer a great mountaine called Lapenadiball, to a verie small Village called Villielua, where he was lodged in an old ruynous castel, where he had reasonable entertainment: this Village standeth on the side of a hill, and very faire way to trauell to it, yet something rockie and stonie. Betweene Villielua and Bittanzey is nine leagues.

The fifth of May being Sunday, his Honour passed from Villielua ouer a pleasant riuer called Menio, the bridge whereof is a faire stone bridge, with greene trees of both sides, it is called La point de Rabida, which leadeth to a Cittie called Lugo, where his L. was royally entertained both by the Gouernor & Citizens: this Cittie is walled about with a strong stone wal, the which in

former times hath beene much stronger, yet now greatly decayed. It standeth vpon a plaine, being a goodly Citty within, and very good way to trauel: betweene Villielva and Lugo is seauen leagues.

The 6. of May his Lordsh. went from Lugo some two miles by a riuer side, til he came to another village called Terra Castelia, where he lodged all night in a house by a riuer side, being reasonably wel entertained, but verie bad lodging for his followers. This is a crased Village, and standeth betweene two great mountaines, but reasonable good way to trauel. Betweene Lugo and Terra Castelia is eight leagues.

The seauenth of May his Lordship went from Terra Castelia, ouer a great wilde Mountaine called Porta Seueras, where it was saide by the inhabitants there by dwelling, that there are great store of wild beasts, as Beares, Wolues, and such like: wee toke vp snowe as we went ouer this hill: further Eastward we might see a great mountaine couered with snow called Salberyro. As it is reported, the King of Spaine did send thither for snowe water to cole his wine. My Lord dined by the way at a Village called Salberyro, being in the Kingdome of Lions. After dinner he passed ouer the mountaines to a Village called Villio Franco, where he staied all night, and all the next day, being Wednesday, being very rainie, where he was well entertained. And at this Towne foure of the King of Spaines coaches met him, to bring him to the Court. This is a fine Towne, for the most part standing vpon the side of a hil, but the most vilest way to trauel that euer was riden: and it is counted from Terra Castelia, to Villio franco, two leagues.

The ninth day of May being Thursday his Lordship went from Villio Franco, to a little towne called Ben-

Ben-breuio, where hs lay a little without the towne, being verie well entertained. And as he entered into the gate of the house, there hanged a Beare ouer the gate, that was killed in the Mountaines there by. This is a verie prettie towne, for the most part standing in a bottome, and it is a verie good way to trauel: betweene Villio Franco, and Ben-breuio, is nine leagues.

The tenth of May his Lordship went from Ben-breuio, to a Citie called Sturgo, where he was lodged in a verie faire house adioining to the Market place, and had verie great entertainment. This Citie standeth vpon a hill, it is a verie goodly Citie, and walled round about with a stone wall, and somewhat bigger then Lugo, it is good way to trauaile. And it is counted from Ben-breuio to Sturgo, fiue leagues.

The eleuenth of May his Lordship went from Sturgo, to a little towne called Lauonella, where he was lodged in a prettie little house, but of so small receipt that it was scarce able to containe his carriage, yet he had good entertainment there. This towne standeth vpon the plaine, and verie faire way to trauaile from Sturgo thither. Wee came along by a little riuer, where was a stone bridge a making, the which I doe thinke by that time it is finished will be three quarters of a mile long. It is from Sturgo to Lauonella foure leagues.

The twelfth of May his Lordship went from Lauonella, to a verie faire towne called Vena-venta, where hee passed to a house without the towne standing vpon a hill, which had a faire prospect, and for workmanship I thinke none the like, except I might liken it to Windsore Castell, and for the largenesse and curious building of it, it is the goodliest house within that euer I did see: for the most part of it is Marble stone, and rounde about the square Court, vnder the Gallery

ſtand canons and demy-canons vppon their carriages, to the number of twelue, or neere thereabouts, very fine braſſe peeces. It is a ſtrong thing both within and without: It is reported there is an Armorie within this houſe able to furniſh ſeauen hundred men with armour. It was likewiſe tolde mee, that this houſe was of fiue hundred yeeares ſtanding, and that Haniball and Scipio had layen in it. Indeed I did ſee the portratures of them, as the Spaniard did tel me, and one of their thigh bones that was as big as any mans thigh, fleſh and all, in anie part. His honour was exceedingly well entertained in this houſe, being a Noble mans of Spaine, who is earle of Vennauenta, and viceroy of Naples. This town ſtandeth vpon the ſide of a hill, and good way to trauell: betweene Laueneſsa, and Vennauenta is counted nine leagues.

The thirteenth of Maie his Lordſhip went from that gallant houſe of Vennauenta, to a little ragged towne called Villa-gratia, all to torne and rent, both the houſes and walles thereof with the Pores, in the times of warres (as it was reported:) the walles were but of mudde, and neuer a hanſome houſe in all the towne. My Lord was lodged in a very olde houſe, but good entertainement. And this towne ſtandes vpon the plaine, and very good way to trauell. Betweene Vennauenta and Villa-gratia, is eight leagues.

The foureteenth of Maie, his Lordſhip went from Villa-gratia, to a prety towne called Samancus: and as we paſſed thither, we went by a faire great monaſterie called Saint Barnardes monaſterie, a goodly thing as it appeareth by the outſide, and I doe thinke it to be about the bigneſſe of Sommerſet houſe, and walled with ſtone round about. It ſtandeth very pleaſantly vppon the pitch of a hill, cloſe by the high way ſide. And as we paſ-

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fed from this monaſterie, along vpon the way grew lauender, time, and ſage, and many other good garden hearbes, as common as graſſe: before we came within a league of the towne, it began to thunder and lighten, and there fell ſuch a ſhower of haile and raine, which did very much wette vs before we came to the towne. My Lord lay in very a rotten houſe, but well entertained. Hee lay at Samancus the fifteenth day, and reſted himſelfe. And this towne ſtandeth vpon a hill, enclosed with great hilles: vpon the one ſide of it, it is very good way to trauell, and reaſonable plaine, and it is from Villagrata to this towne ſeauen leagues.

The ſixteenth day of May being thurſday, his Lordſhippe went from Samancus to the cittie of Valladoley, where the king of Spaine kept his Court: but before his Lordſhip came within a mile and a halfe of the Cittie, the high Conſtable of Spaine mette him, and the Quéene of Spaine ſent a pide Gennet of her owne for my Lord to ride vppon. When hée came within three quarters of a mile of the towne, the high Conſtable had him out of the way halfe a bowe ſhote (as neere as I could iudge it) to his Garden, where he walked ſome houre and halfe with the high Conſtable, then he went into a banquetting houſe adioyning vnto the Garden, which was ſet vp of purpoſe againſt his comming, wherin he likewiſe ſtayed ſome houre and halfe. After his comming forth of the Garden, he toke his horſe and rid with the Conſtable, where the high wayes were ſo full of coaches, and people, vppon both ſides for the length of halfe a mile, that it was wonderfull to ſée: hauing ridden a little way, there fell a great ſhower of rayne, which laſted till he came to his lodging, ſo that hée was driuen to take his coach agayne, vntill that the Kings coach mette him, in which hée rode all the raine. And

the Constable with him, and other Noble men besides, what their names were, I know not, the people following so fast, that they were verie much moyled in the durt: and when his Lordship came within the Citie, the streetes were so full of people, Coaches, and horses, that he was faine to make manie standes, whiles the people made way for him, or else he could not have passed. At length he and all his companie came to his lodging, being verie wette.

This house was richly hung with silke hangings, and all kind of pictures both of men and beasts, wrought against his Lordships comming. This was a verie faire house and large rowmes in it, and doth so conuenientlie ioyne vnto the Kings Court, that my Lord might haue priuate accesse to the King when hee would, through a Gallerie out of his owne house: hee had verie royall entertainment all the time of his being there, with as much plentie of the best prouision as could be got in the Countrey. This is a verie faire Citie, and of the best buildings in all our trauailes, onely it is noysome by reason of the vncleane keeping of it.

The number of miles that his Honour trauailed, from the thirde of May, to the eighteenth of the same, resting two dayes by the way, was fourescore and two leagues, amounting to the number of two hundred and fortie eight miles from the Groyne to the Citie of Valledeley.

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The eighteenth day of Maie being Saterday, his Lordship went to the King of Spaine, where he was gratiously entertained, and afterward he went to the Queen, by whom he was vsed in the like sort: this being his first speech with the King.

The nineteenth day of the same Maneth, the King of Spaine went a procession all about the citie, and then he went to Church and heard Masse, and came home again through the Church of Saint Paul, where I saw carried before him foure Crosses, and the Image of Saint Domingo, and the Image of the Virgine Mary, with the picture of Christ in her armes, she being borne vnder a canopie. Then came the Sacrament vnder a Canopie: After came the King, being a slender man of bodie, hauing no haire vpon his face, but a little vppon his vpper lippe: hee is yellow hayred, but a well shaped King, hee is about twentie sixe yeares of age. Hee came through the Church, and went in at a little doore vp into a gallerie which went into his Court: and in the afternoone of the same day, the Prince of Spaine was christened in this Church, called the Church of Saint Paul, where there was a a Font of stone, set vppe vnder the high Altar, in forme and fashion of a boate, broade at toppe, and narrow at both ends, and of the colour of a Turkeys egge, couered ouer with a cloth of golde standing vpon foure pillers of siluer, euery pillar two yardes and a halfe high, and close by that was a bed-sted set vp, couered very richly, to lay the childe in after it was christened, and about foure of the clocke came the childe with the sound of trumpets, & other musicke playing before it, to the church doore, where the Cardinal of Toledo met it with two other Bishops, bearing before him, the one the

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Croſiers ſtaffe, and the other the ſtaffe called the Pꝛe-cept, hauing their Miters vppon their heades. So came they into the Church vp to the Font in oꝛder: firſt the Cardinall betweene the two Biſhops with foure Mares, and his two ſtaues aforeſaid before him, he be-ing all in red with his Miter vpon his head; next him came foure Heraldes; then two Dukes bearing the Crowne; then the childe carried by the Duke of Ler-mo; next after came the Pꝛinceſſe, called the Infant of Spaine, being a child of fiue yeares of age, dꝛawne in a chaire, and all the Ladies attending vpon it, being all Dutcheſſes, Marqueſſes, and Earles wiues, richly attyꝛed, and beſet with Iewels: ſo they carried the childe to the Font, where the Cardinall tooke it, and firſt he put ſalt into the eares, noſe, and mouth of it, then he croſſed it vpon the foꝛehead, and vpon the bꝛeaſt, and behinde betweene the ſhoulders, and bee powꝛed Oyle vpon it, and croſſed it againe, then hee powꝛed a whole Baſon of water vppon the head of it, and put a waxe Candle into the childes hand lighted, and ſaide ſome woꝛds, what they were I know not, but ſo they made an end, & the childes name is Philippo Domingo, becauſe he was chꝛiſtened in the ſtone called Domingo ſtone & victoria: ſo they laide him in a bed one quarter of an houre, while Maſſe was ſaide, then it was deli-uered to the Duke of Lermo againe, and ſo they went out, the Cardinall taking his leaue of the child in the Church, departed. The Infants name is Margarete, (as it was told me.)

On monday the twentieth day of May, the king and the Queene paſſed along the ſtꝛeetes thꝛough the Mar-ket place, in verie royall oꝛder, the being in her coach, and he on hoꝛſe-backe by the coach ſide, and all his No-bles beſoꝛe him vpon gallant hoꝛſes, two and two in

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order according to their degrées; as it was told me, the Quéene went to be churched: after her came all the Ladies in coaches. This day my Lord dined at the high Constables house, wher he was royally feasted: this day my Lord of Effingham toke his iourny from Valledeley to Madrill, to sée his aunt the Dutchesse of Ferris, hée returned from thence to Valledeley, the fiue and twentie day béeing Satterday. Vppon Thursday the thrée and twentie of Maie, it was told me, there was a new Pope created, and that night there was shooting of guns from the tops of Churches, and great fire-workes, and setting vp of candles in the stréetes.

The sowre and twentie day of Maie being Friday, Maister Knowles delinered from his Maiestie to the King of Spaine, and to the Quéene, fiue horses, thrée to the King, and thrée to the Quéene, two with saddles and furniture to them, and foure with very rich cloaths, they being wrought with imbrodered workes: besides, hee deliuered a couple of very faire beagles, twoo Crosse-bowes, and two little pæces, the one béeing sent from Prince Henry, and the other beagle sent from the Quéene with foure whelpes, which they dide receyue very gratiously and royally, making very much of the beagles: besides, he delinered to the Quéene, a very rich iewel, sent vnto her from our king.

The fiue and twentie day of Maie, it did snow and freéze so much, that the ice did hang vppon the houses as long as halfe ones arme.

The eight and twentie day of Maie, his Lordship dined at the Duke of Lermoes house, where there was a snakes skinne séene vnder the rofe of his house, against a wall, that was brought from the Indians, where hee was killed, and being measured, the length contained nineteene foote, about the bignesse of a mans thigh.

The nine and twentie day of Maie, there were a great companie of armed men came through the Citty of Valledeley, the question being demanded what the reason thereof was, answer was made, that it was a custome euery yeare to make a shew of armed men that day, being the Kings birth day, and it was done in the honour thereof: the Duke of Lerma was their Captaine.

The thirtie day of Maie being Thursday, the greatest day of account in Spaine in all the yeare, and it is called Corpus Christi day. There was against this day great preparation made; for all along from my Lord Ambassadours house, were postes of timber set vp, and couered ouer with pole-dauies, for my Lord to goe vnder to keepe the Sunne from him: so it was vntil he came to the Kinges Court, from thence all along to the market-place, which is halfe a mile long: and in the morning the King went a procession, with all the Apostles very richly, and eight Giants, foure men, and fours women, and the chiefe was named Gogmagog. Then came the standerd of the Church, after two great standerds of siluer, being carried by two, hauing two long ware lights in them, and a great thing of siluer like a Scepter close behinde them, then came the Priests of the Kings Chappell singing, and close behinde them the Sacrament carried betweene foure, and a Canopie ouer it, and it was in manner like a Castle, all of siluer, foure square, a pinnacle ouer the top of it, and foure white ware lights standing vpon each corner, and one of them was lighted; close behinde that came a Bishop praying and holding vp his hands; next after him came the King bare headed, carrying a white ware light in his hand lighted, a Cardinall vppon the right hande of him, carrying another in his hand lighted, and so they passed by my Lords gate, the streetes being hung vpon both sides

sides very richly with cloth of gold: after he had made an end of his proceition, in the after noone he sent for my Lord to Court, where was a Chappell set by of purpose, (as they said) and thither my Lord was had, where when he came, the King met him, (he then set himself in his chaire of state) so taking my Lord by the hand, made him sit downe by him, and the Iudger Ambassadour, and the Constable, and hee that is nowe come to bee Iudger in England, and other Noble-men besides which were there present, there was a stole brought, and a cushion laid before the King. the Articles were read, the King being vpon his knees on a Cushion, solemnlie tooke his oath, which being done, he toke my Lord by the hand, and so went along with him, how far, or whither, I know not.

The one and thirtie day of Maie in the afternoone, the King and the Quéene, and all the Nobilitie both Lordes and Ladies, rode from the Court along the Stréetes, (they being richly hung) vntill they came into the Market place, where vpon both sides wer scaffoldes, built round about for people to stand vpon, the standings were not onely full of people as they could stand and sit one by another, but the very tops of the houses, and the ground below was also ful, til such time as the Kings Marshal and the Guard, did driue them out. The market place is faire, square & spatious, in the middle of which was a new howse built of purpose, for the King and Quéene to sit together in the middle of the Gallery, and all the Ladies at one end, the Lords at the other: my Lord rose foorth of his place and sate amongest the Ladies, the Constable of Spaine with him: and after they hadde sitten a while, there was fiftéene bulls baited with horse-men with speares, and fote-men with cloakes and swordes, the

bulles were all slaine, but they did kill three or foure men out of hand, and hurt and spoiled fiue or sixe more: and after this was done, the King went and attired himselfe, both he and his Nobles, after the Turkish fashion, when they had attired themselues thus, first entred xii. Mules richly couered with crimson veluet, imbrothered with the Kings Armes, vpon each side of them a bundle of canes bound in with a hoope of siluer, the canes betokened the dartes which the Moores did vse in the time of their warres; and this was the description of their comming in, being called the battell of the Moores: and after those Mules, entred sixe and twentie Gennets of the kings, richly couered with the same couer that the mules wore, but something richer: then before the twelue mules came in twelue drummes, made in fashion like kettles, one of one side of the mule, and the other of the other, and next came in fowre and twentie trumpetters; and then entered the eldest of the two Princes of Sauoyes pages, being tenne, and after them came twenty brauer gennets, three of them richly couered with Veluet embrodered with Pearle and Siluer a foot deepe, then followed the rest couered with the same, ful of knobs of siluer all ouer: then came the other Princesse Gennets which were likewise verie richly couered, embroidered with greene. So after they had gone about the Market place twise, they tooke off the Canes of the Mules, and had them out againe: forthwith came nine in with Hoboyes playing, clothed all in red, and after them entred the King, riding as fast as he could, and the Duke of Lerma with him, and seuenty eight Noble men after, hauing Dartes in their hands, by two, and by two. And after they had ridden vp and downe from one end of the Market place to the other, as fast as they could ride, by course halfe an houre or there aboutes, they parted, the

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King and the Duke of Lerma at one end, hauing eight and thirtie besides with them, then the two Princes of Sauoy out at the other ende of the Market place, hauing the like number with them. So after they had beene out some halfe houre, the King with his companie comes in again, with Banners vpon their armes, and Darts in their handes, the Banners of each parte were of sundry colors, as tokens to know their owne companie. Immediately comes in at the other ende the two Princes and their companie, after the same sort: so they ridde vp and downe from side to side one after another, a prettie while, vntill at length they rid crosse, sometimes in two rankes, and sometimes in three rankes, holding their Banners and Darts readie, so that when they had rode in rankes, the one crossing the other a good while, they parted, and euerie man tooke his former place to his owne companie. At length the King and some of his side gaue the onset vpon the other two Princes, riding as fast, and furious as they could against them, and threw euerie man a Dart at them. And after they had throwne their Dartes, they rode a compasse, thinking to ride from them, and to get home another way to their companie, suddenly breakes out an ambush of the princes of Sauoyes companie, and chased the King and his companie, throwing Darts at them, and they to defend themselues held their Banners behind them, looking backe as though they were not aware of their comming, they chased the king and his companies so neere to his owne force, that presently brake out an other ambush of the Kings, and chased them backe againe in like sort, that they continued hunting and chasing, and throwing of Dartes one at an other, vntill they had spent all their Canes, and that the light of the day fayled,

so they ended, and the Kinges Companie had the victorie.

The first day of June at night, there was a Maske before the King, and Quæne, and my Lord Ambassadour, the King and Quæne being in the maske themselues, in a verie faire house set vppe of purpose for my Lordes comming, which was threescore yardes in length, and ten yeardes broade: at the vpper ende thereof was a faire Throne for the King and Queene, to sitte in, with a Gallerie ouer head rounde about with seates for people to sitte in, and below was a Gallerie vpon both sides, which went from the Kinges throne, to the entring in, and in the vpper Gallerie were foure and twenty great standards of ware burning standing in great massie Candlesticks of Siluer, so manie vppon a side, and right at the ende ouer the Throne, was stucke with white Virgin ware lightes as full as it could sticke, and round about the rowme ouer euerie standarde hung great siluer Lampes with foure lightes a peece, they were in number fourescore. There vppon the ground stode foure and twentie siluer Candlesticks, with great standards burning vpon each side, twelue of them as bigge and as high as any man, my Lord was placed in the middle Gallerie, and the noble men at the vpper ende next the King, next vnto him the Cardinall, and his companie in the same rowe.

The next Gallerie vnderneath were the Knights of my Lords companie placed, so after they were all set, there was men sung vpon both sides, presently there was a Curtaine drawne, then entered fiue and twentie Violins and Cornets, playing very sweetly, and after them twentie Pages attyred in Masking sutes, ten

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of the one side, and ten of the other, with great standerds in their handes, with fiue Ladies in the middle, two and two togither: after them came a little Chariot drawne by two little Nagges, couered with caparrisons of cloth of Tissue, and the Chariot was in manner of a ship behinde verie richly guilded. They sate by degrees that were in it: for before in the Chariot sate a great Ladie, & next to her sate the Infanta in the middle, and on each side sate a Ladie, and behind sate an olde Dutchesse, all in white: so the Chariot was drawne by to the Throne, and the Infanta was taken foorth, and set in the Queenes Chaire, and the Ladies sate by her. Then the Chariot was drawne backe, and the Curtaines drawne. Then beganne the Musicke, and a Cloude did open, which shined and glistered like Starres ouer head, vnderneath stoode the King and thirteene Noble men, and likewise the Queene and thirteene Ladies with Virgin-ware lightes in their handes: the Ladies were by themselues, behind them was cloath of Siluer, which made them shine like Angels, being gorgiously and richly attired, both with cloth of golde, siluer, and Pearle. There came downe the King and Queene, and the Duke of Lerma, with an other Lady, let downe all foure as though they came out of a Cloude. It was a verie glorious shew to see them come downe.

The King and Queen daunced hand in hand, and the Duke of Lerma, and the other Ladie, vntill they came to the Throne. In the meanetime there was foure other let downe in the same maner. The King and Queene, the Duke and the Ladie daunced backe againe, and receyued them: so they daunced all eight backe to the Throne. In the meane time came foure more downe, and receyued them in like sort as before, and

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in like manner receiued them by foures in a company, vntill the number of twentie eight came downe, they danced all with vizards on their faces, and the King and Quéene sate down in the throne in their state, & the Noblemen & Ladies sate down of each hand in their degrée. In the meane time those fiue Ladies which first came in with the pages, dáced a countrey dance with snappers on their thumbs: then the King & Quéen & their company danced againe hand in hand barefaced, after they sate down againe, they rose by two and two and danced galliards and pauins, and then the King and Quéene rose and danced themselues single, two or three dances, prisently after they had done, there was a Lady rose and fetched in the Earle of Peart, and danced eight gallards with him, which being done, she fetched my Lord Willoubie, and danced with him, who was admired for his capering, and highly commended. Then came in the King and the Quéene and their company, and danced againe, and hauing ended, there comes in the fiue Ladies and danced with their snappers, (as aforesaid) two and two, very gallantly, and when they had done, the Duke of Lerma, he came in, and toke a toarch in his hand, and danced two or three times about the chamber, then toke a Lady to him, and danced the cushion dance, and that Lady fetched in another Lord. At length they fetched in the King, and set him in the middle of the chamber, with a toarch in his hand: then the King fetched in the Quéene, and the Quéene fetched in another Ladie, and that Lady fetched in my Lord Ambassadour, so the King and Quéene and my Lord, daunced together, and so their Courtly pastimes were ended.

The seauenth day of June being Friday, his Lordship toke his leaue of the King and Quéene of Spaine, in very royall and princely maner, the Nobles being so rewful

rowfull for his departure. Many gifts hee had given him by the King and other great Personages of Spaine.

The eight day of June being Satterday, his Lordship set forward from the Citty of Valledeley towardes Saint Anderos, where his shipping lay, and vpon that day he lay at a Towne called Didaynias, where he was lodged in the middle of the Towne, in a verie faire house, and was wel entertained. This Towne is situated vpon the side of a hill: for the most part it is well walled with a stone wall, and it is one of the sweetest townes we came to in all Spaine. To this towne belongeth a Castle which standeth vpon a hill, it is a reasonable strong hold, but it cannot command the towne, but defend it, it may round about: There is from Valledeley to this towne sixe leagues.

The ninth day being Sunday, his Lordship went from Didaynias to a towne called Aflomista, this towne is walled round about with a mud wall, a pretty little towne it is, and as kinde people as wee found in any place before; and my Lord was wel lodged and entertained, and lay there one day: it is counted from Didaynias to this towne, eight leagues.

The eleuenth day of June being Tuesday, his Lordship went from Aflomista, to a little towne called Herrero, where hee lay in a very strong house, standing vpon a hill, much like Windsor Castle for the prospect, but in no other sort. Beneathe in the valley runneth a reasonable good riuer. This house and the towne both are the Lord high Constables of Spaine, there was my Lord very well entertained, and a peece of ordonance was shot off at his comming in, as he came to this towne, in the way he dined at a towne called Osterno: This towne is walled about with a mudde wall, much

ruinated: it is counted from Amomissa to this towne, seauen leagues.

The twelfth day of June being Wednesday, his Lordship came to a faire town called Gilyarda Campo, where he was lodged in a little house, but exceedingly well entertained. This towne is walled round about with a stone wall, and a stone Castle standing on the top of a hill, ouer against the towne: there is a sweete spring runneth through the towne, and a pleasant riuer runneth along by the walles, there is a faire stone bridge ouer this riuer: fro Herreroe to this town, the waies are very rocky, but dry, from Herreroe to this town is 5. leagues.

The fourteenth day of June being Friday, his Lordship went from Gilliarda Campo, to a little towne called Rhinolla, he was lodged in a pretty house, and well entertained: this towne standeth vpon the side of a hill, the ground neere about it is very fruitful and pleasant, both for corne and grasse, and it is from Gillyarda Campo to this towne, eight leagues.

The fifteenth of June he went from Rhinollato a very bad village called Beela Saulla, where he was lodged well, but not so well as before, but entertained exceeding well: This towne is hard by a wood side, where it was said by the inhabitants, that great store of wilde beastes doe resort: this village standeth in a bottome betweene great mountaines, it is good and fruitfull ground betweene Rhinolla and this village, but very bad way to trauel.

And as his Lordship went from Rhinolla to this village, he dined in a village called Poda Congoy, it is counted that daies iourney seauen leagues. That night all my Lordes people lay without beds for the most part.

The fyre and twentie day of June, his Lordship went from

from this village to the end of his iourney in the Spanish soile, to a pretty towne called Saint Danderos, where he was lodged in the Gouernours house: This towne standeth hard by the sea side, where his Lordships shippes lay at anker in the harbor right against the towne, which harbor is some mile and a halfe from the maine sea, running into the towne: This towne is walled round about with a very strong wall of stone, but very poore; and it is a dangerous harbor for great shippes, it is full of rockes: he was well entertained of the Gouernour; the way to this towne was very bad to trauel, and full of great mountaines, but store of woods growing vppon them: it is from Beela Sauilla to this towne, fiue long leagues.

From the eight day of Iune to the fifteenth of the same, his Lordship trauailed from the City of *Valledeley*, to Saint *Danderos*, in all forty sixe leagues.

The seauenteenth day of June, my Lord Ambassador made a banquet aboord the Beare, whereunto came the Gouernour of the towne, and some other Spaniards of account which came from the Court with him, and at their going away wee gaue them a volley of shot from the Beare, the Repulse and the War-spite.

The nineteenth day of June, his Lordship came on boarde the Beare to goe into England, out of the towne of Saint Danderos, and the twentie day he set saile from thence in the afternoone, the next day being Friday, we lost the sight of Spaine.

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